

ELKHART COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



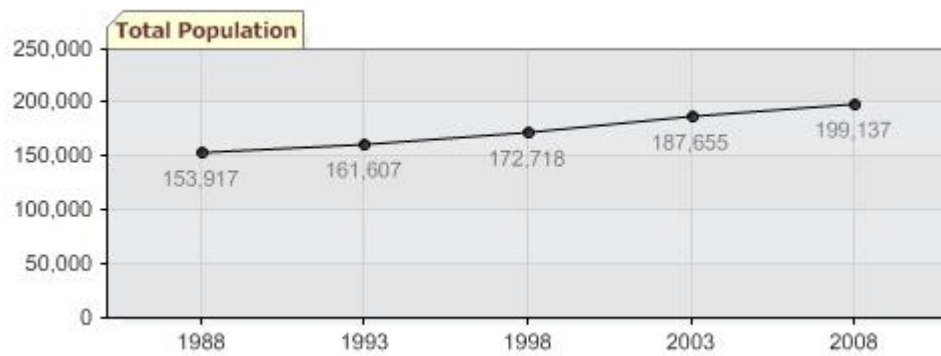
Location

Elkhart County is located in Mid-Northern Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Kosciusko County. The County is adjacent to Lagrange County on the east, the State of Michigan is to the north, and St. Joseph County to the west. Elkhart County is one of the five counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 2.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

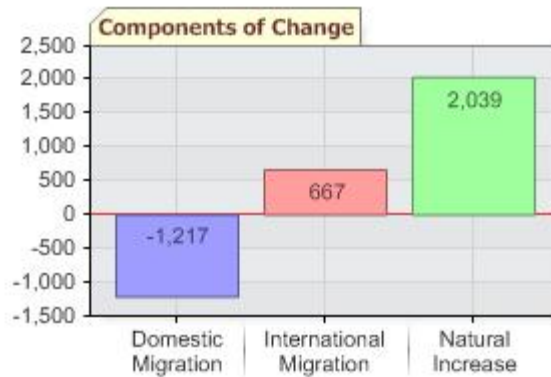
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	153,917	161,607	172,718	187,655	199,137
Change Since 1988		7,690	18,801	33,738	45,220
Pct. Change Since 1988		5.0%	12.2%	21.9%	29.4%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-1,217
International Migration	667
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	2,039
Births	3,411
Deaths	1,372



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

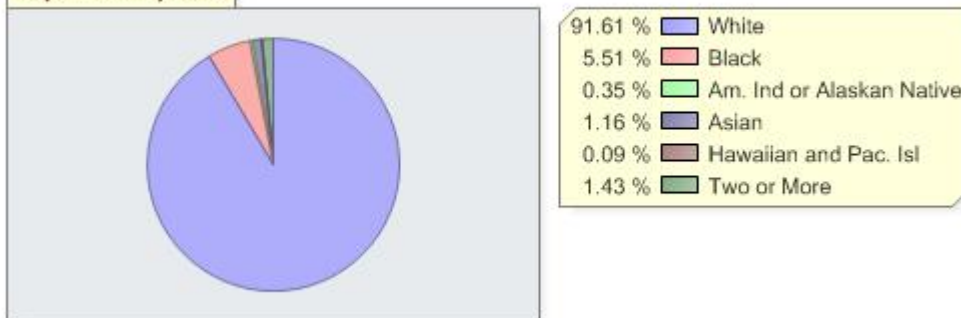
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	16,761	8.5%
School Age	39,634	20.1%
College Age	15,458	7.8%
Young Adult	57,702	29.2%
Older Adult	46,831	23.7%
Older (65 plus)	21,556	10.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	690	0.3%
Asian Alone	2,292	1.2%
Black Alone	10,892	5.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	170	0.1%
White Alone	181,064	91.6%
Two or More Race Groups	2,834	1.4%

Population by Race



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	170,537	86.3%
Hispanic or Latino	27,405	13.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

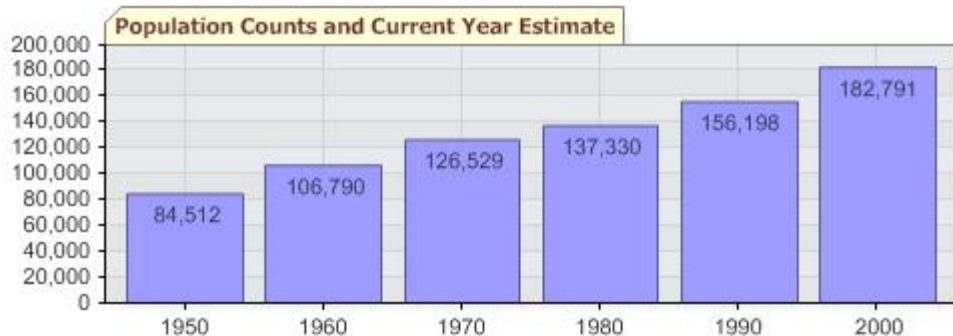
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	66,154	100.0%
Family Households	47,659	72.0%
Married with Children	17,592	26.6%
Married without Children	19,981	30.2%
Single Parents	6,475	9.8%
Other	3,611	5.5%
Non-family Households	18,495	28.0%
Living Alone	14,938	22.6%
Average Household Size	2.77	
Average Family Household Size	3.85	

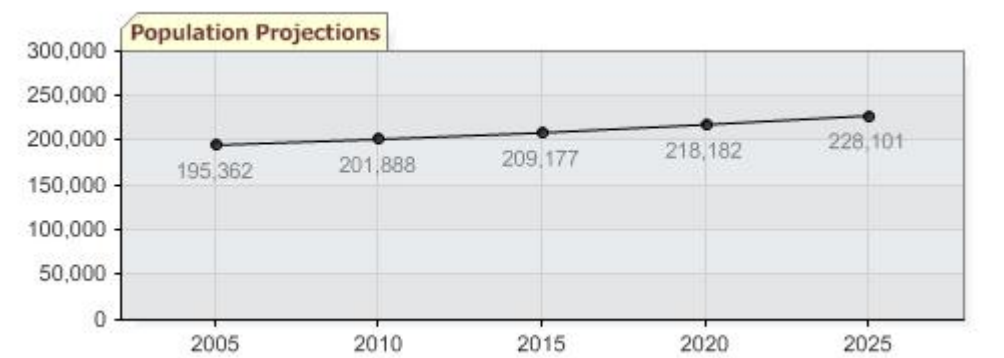
Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	84,512	NA	NA
1960	106,790	22,278	26.4%
1970	126,529	19,739	18.5%
1980	137,330	10,801	8.5%
1990	156,198	18,868	13.7%
April 2000	182,791	26,593	17.0%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



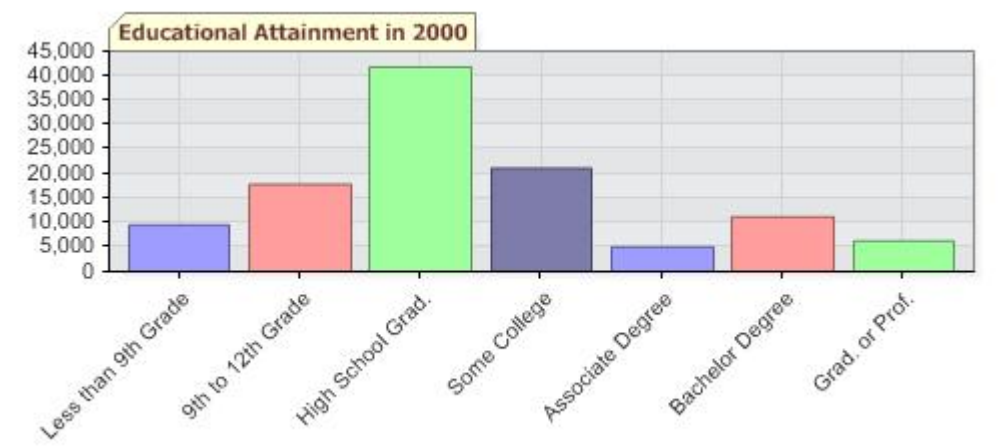
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	195,362	201,888	209,177	218,182	228,101
Change Since 2005		6,526	13,815	22,820	32,739
Pct. Change Since 2005		3.3%	7.1%	11.7%	16.8%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

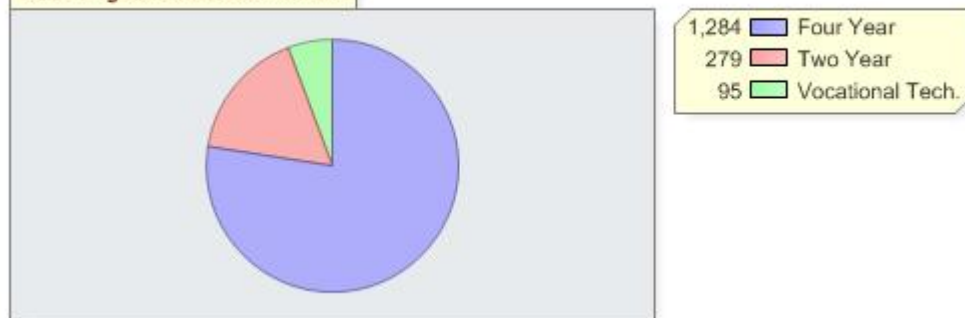
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	66,328	78,491	96,003	112,908
Less than 9th Grade	16,856	12,895	9,111	9,521
9th to 12th, No Diploma	14,190	14,099	16,996	17,870
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	23,864	32,281	37,555	41,788
Some College, No Degree			14,703	21,144
Associate Degree			3,992	5,076
Bachelors Degree			8,494	11,246
Graduate or Professional Degree			5,152	6,263



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	1,586	1,859	1,944	2,054
Total to Higher Education	1,257	1,432	1,516	1,658
Four-Year Institution	954	1,134	1,228	1,284
Two-Year Institution	198	213	195	279
Vocational/Tech.	105	85	93	95
Military	43	46	56	52

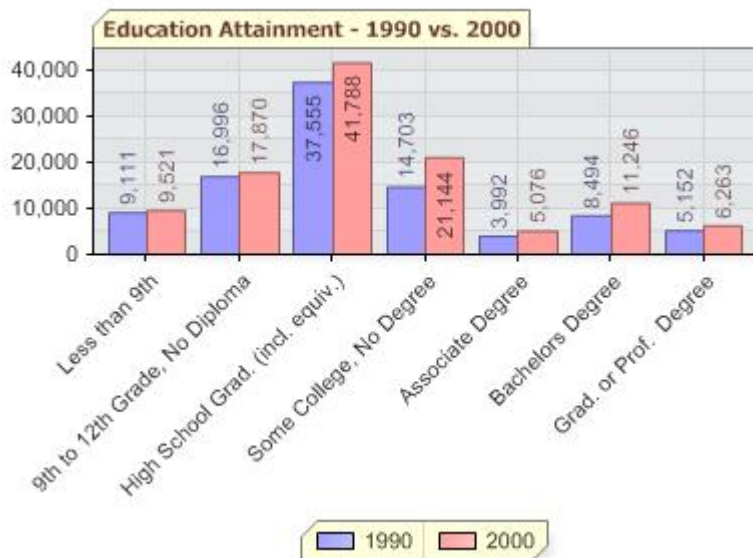
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	96,003	100.0%	112,908	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	9,111	9.5%	9,521	8.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	16,996	17.7%	17,870	15.8%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	37,555	39.1%	41,788	37.0%
Some College, No Degree	14,703	15.3%	21,144	18.7%
Associate Degree	3,992	4.2%	5,076	4.5%
Bachelors Degree	8,494	8.8%	11,246	10.0%
Graduate or Professional Degree	5,152	5.4%	6,263	5.5%

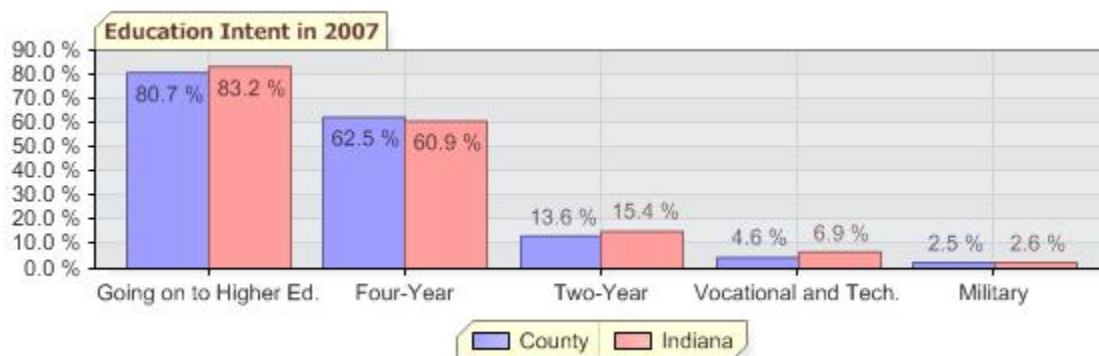


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	80.7%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	62.5%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	13.6%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	4.6%	6.9%
Military	2.5%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

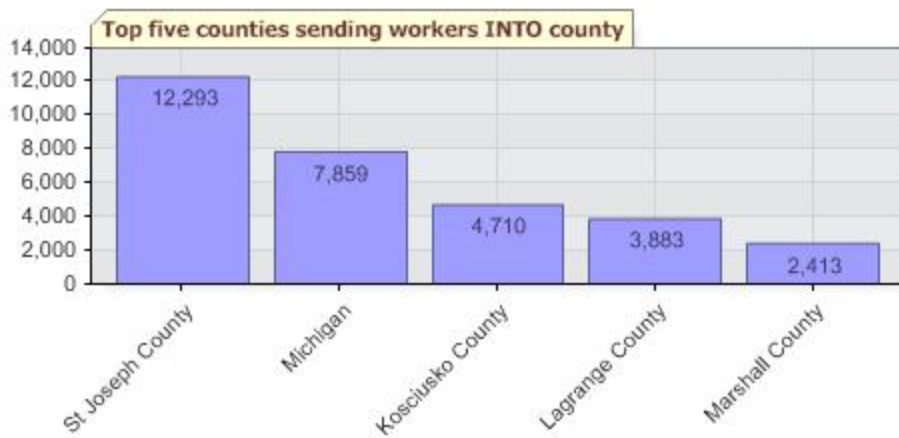
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	125,656
Number of tax filers who work in the county	152,512
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	117,282
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	35,230

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

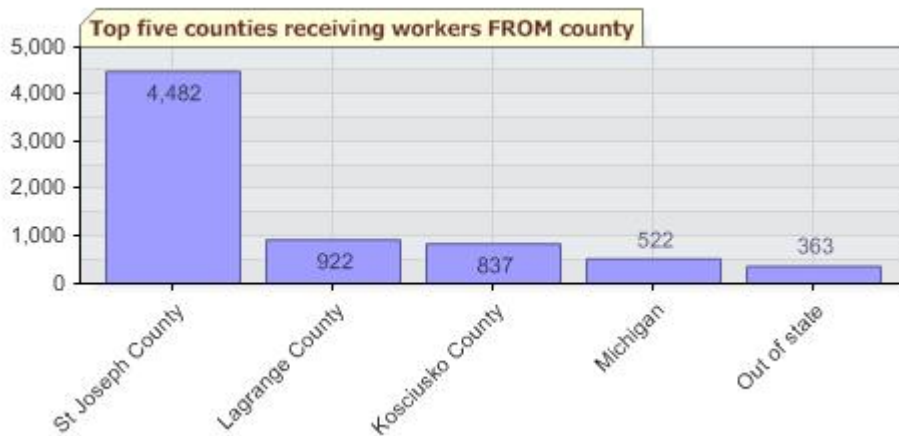
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
St Joseph County	12,293	39.6%
Michigan	7,859	25.3%
Kosciusko County	4,710	15.2%
Lagrange County	3,883	12.5%
Marshall County	2,413	7.9%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
St Joseph County	4,482	62.9%
Lagrange County	922	12.9%
Kosciusko County	837	11.7%
Michigan	522	7.3%
Out of state	363	5.1%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

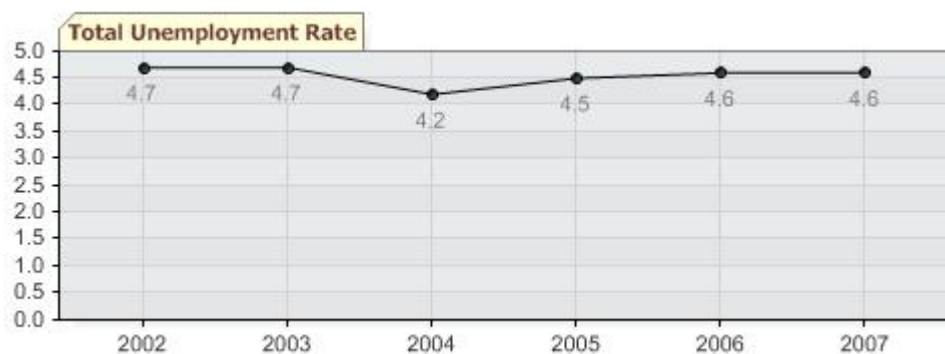
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	91,778	100.0%
Travel To Work	88,722	96.7%
Car, Truck, or Van	85,156	92.8%
Traveled Alone	72,853	79.4%
Carpooled	12,303	13.4%
Used Public Transportation	439	0.5%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	3,127	3.4%
Worked At Home	3,056	3.3%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	18.4	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	31.5	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

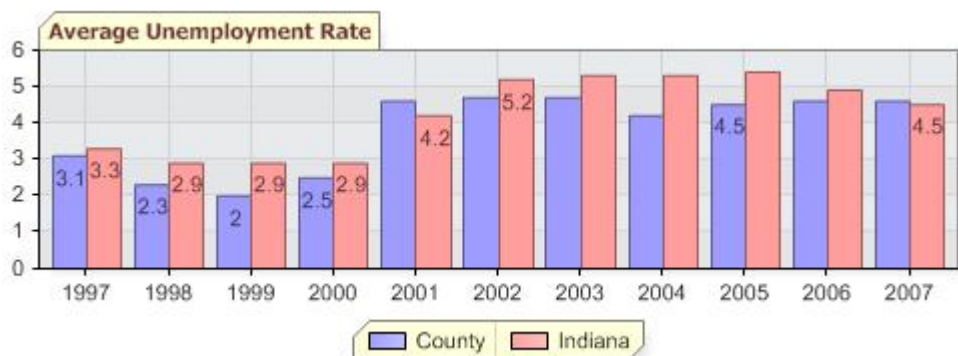
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	101,726	4.5%
Employed	97,072	2.3%
Unemployed	4,654	89.7%
Rate	4.6	84.0%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	94,710	91,785	2,925	3.1	3.3
1998	96,178	93,980	2,198	2.3	2.9
1999	98,510	96,491	2,019	2.0	2.9
2000	97,342	94,889	2,453	2.5	2.9
2001	95,672	91,273	4,399	4.6	4.2
2002	94,727	90,240	4,487	4.7	5.2
2003	95,747	91,221	4,526	4.7	5.3
2004	99,434	95,229	4,205	4.2	5.3
2005	101,763	97,141	4,622	4.5	5.4
2006	104,172	99,347	4,825	4.6	4.9
2007	101,726	97,072	4,654	4.6	4.5



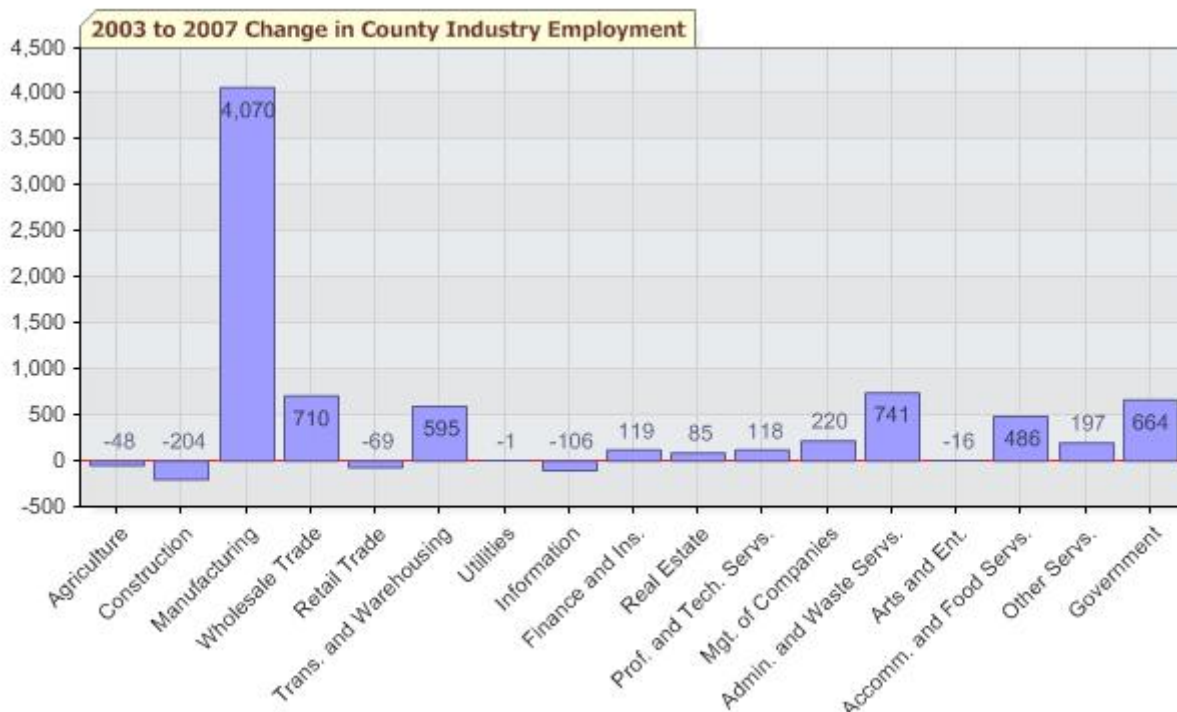
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	115,945	123,062	125,390	127,213	124,710	8,765	7.56%
Total Private Employment	108,170	115,121	117,412	119,002	116,271	8,101	7.49%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	212	183	185	181	164	-48	-22.64%
Mining	D	48	D	47	50	N/A	N/A
Construction	4,266	4,562	4,515	4,388	4,062	-204	-4.78%
Manufacturing	58,159	62,789	63,777	64,366	62,229	4,070	7.00%
Wholesale Trade	5,391	5,914	6,172	6,356	6,101	710	13.17%
Retail Trade	9,367	9,200	9,271	9,445	9,298	-69	-0.74%
Transport. and Warehousing	1,586	1,852	2,028	2,066	2,181	595	37.52%
Utilities	142	144	152	150	141	-1	-0.70%
Information	884	870	833	805	778	-106	-11.99%
Finance and Insurance	2,004	2,048	2,027	2,092	2,123	119	5.94%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	889	927	940	951	974	85	9.56%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	1,817	1,933	2,115	2,044	1,935	118	6.49%
Mgmt. of Companies	941	977	830	1,103	1,161	220	23.38%
Admin. and Waste Services	4,156	4,747	4,988	5,156	4,897	741	17.83%
Educational Services	683	677	706	761	859	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	8,393	8,719	9,185	9,399	9,417	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	570	593	565	572	554	-16	-2.81%
Accommodation and Food Service	6,174	6,350	6,498	6,512	6,660	486	7.87%
Other Services	2,488	2,590	2,579	2,609	2,685	197	7.92%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	7,775	7,941	7,978	8,211	8,439	664	8.54%

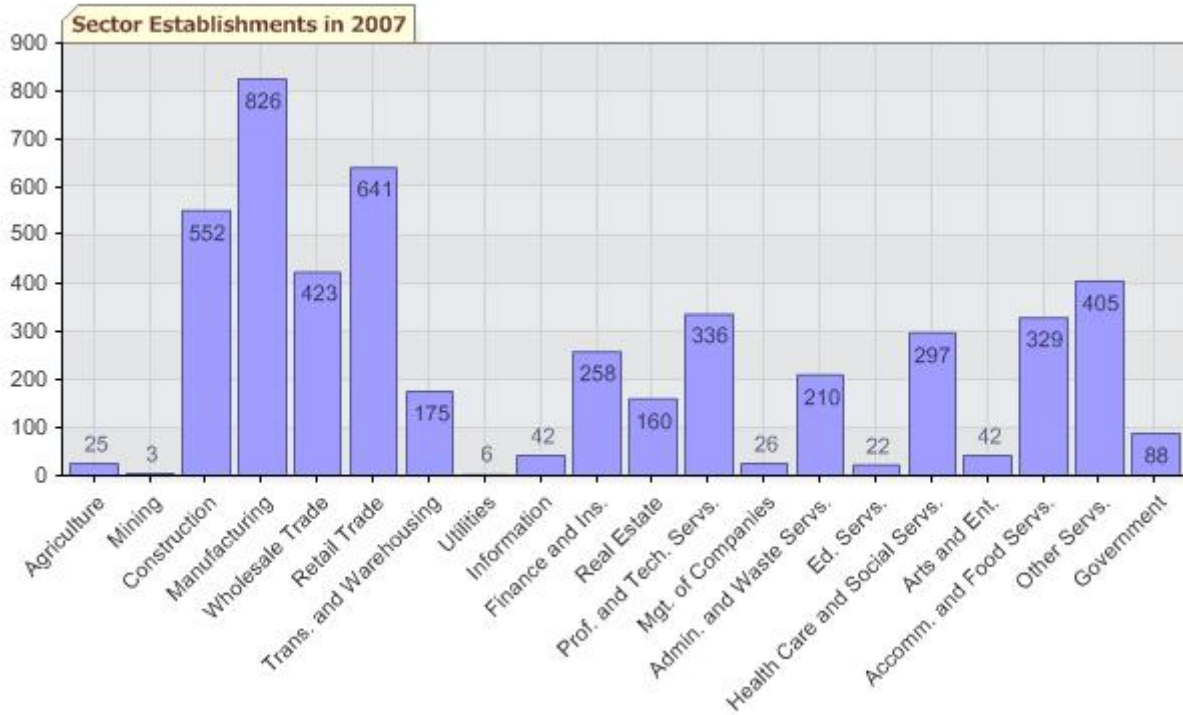


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	4,784	4,787	4,777	4,797	4,866	82	1.71%
Total Private Establishments	4,702	4,705	4,695	4,716	4,778	76	1.62%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	29	26	26	27	25	-4	-13.79%
Mining	D	4	D	3	3	N/A	N/A
Construction	561	567	556	560	552	-9	-1.60%
Manufacturing	858	853	832	827	826	-32	-3.73%
Wholesale Trade	405	414	415	412	423	18	4.44%
Retail Trade	649	626	638	649	641	-8	-1.23%
Transport. and Warehousing	145	146	152	164	175	30	20.69%
Utilities	5	5	6	6	6	1	20.00%
Information	43	41	40	41	42	-1	-2.33%
Finance and Insurance	249	257	251	251	258	9	3.61%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	140	136	143	153	160	20	14.29%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	328	334	338	335	336	8	2.44%
Mgmt. of Companies	32	32	27	26	26	-6	-18.75%
Admin. and Waste Services	204	196	199	202	210	6	2.94%
Educational Services	19	17	17	18	22	3	15.79%
Health Care and Social Assistance	285	291	295	293	297	12	4.21%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	34	37	37	41	42	8	23.53%
Accommodation and Food Service	317	325	319	312	329	12	3.79%
Other Services	397	398	401	400	405	8	2.02%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	82	82	82	81	88	6	7.32%



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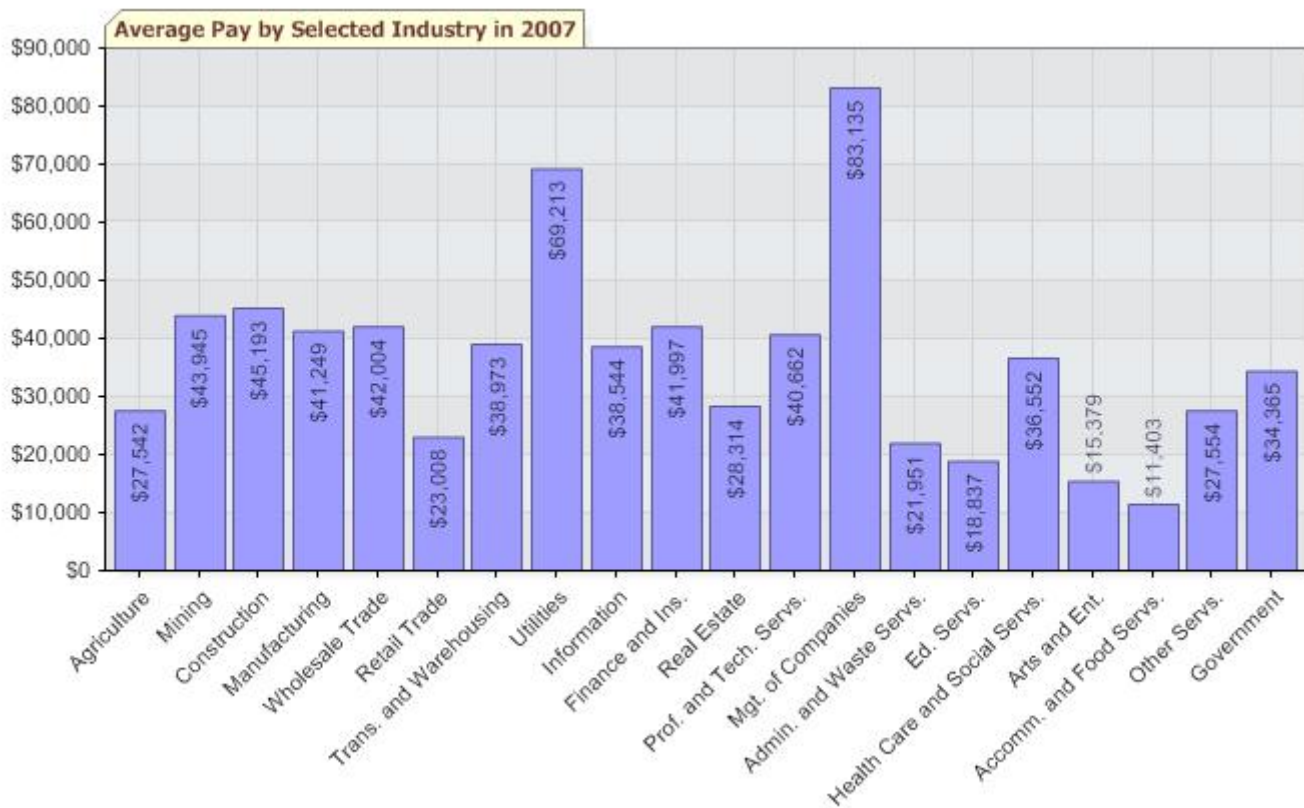
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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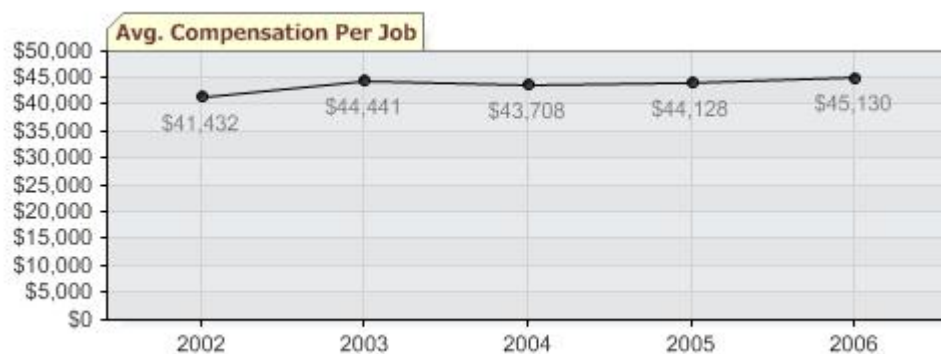
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$33,091	\$36,568	\$3,477	10.5%	\$37,530	97.4%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$23,870	\$27,542	\$3,672	15.4%	\$28,008	98.3%
Mining	D	\$43,945	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	76.7%
Construction	\$38,448	\$45,193	\$6,745	17.5%	\$44,754	101.0%
Manufacturing	\$37,469	\$41,249	\$3,780	10.1%	\$51,148	80.6%
Wholesale Trade	\$38,566	\$42,004	\$3,438	8.9%	\$51,432	81.7%
Retail Trade	\$21,162	\$23,008	\$1,846	8.7%	\$22,581	101.9%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$33,724	\$38,973	\$5,250	15.6%	\$38,012	102.5%
Utilities	\$61,707	\$69,213	\$7,507	12.2%	\$68,267	101.4%
Information	\$34,952	\$38,544	\$3,592	10.3%	\$46,311	83.2%
Finance & Insurance	\$39,411	\$41,997	\$2,586	6.6%	\$52,649	79.8%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$27,023	\$28,314	\$1,291	4.8%	\$32,614	86.8%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$36,741	\$40,662	\$3,921	10.7%	\$51,451	79.0%
Mgt.of Companies	\$70,279	\$83,135	\$12,856	18.3%	\$72,682	114.4%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$19,754	\$21,951	\$2,198	11.1%	\$24,934	88.0%
Education Svcs.	\$21,921	\$18,837	-\$3,085	-14.1%	\$31,029	60.7%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$32,435	\$36,552	\$4,117	12.7%	\$37,706	96.9%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$13,645	\$15,379	\$1,735	12.7%	\$29,251	52.6%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$10,456	\$11,403	\$947	9.1%	\$12,442	91.6%
Other Svcs.	\$23,362	\$27,554	\$4,192	17.9%	\$24,862	110.8%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$32,367	\$34,365	\$1,998	6.2%	\$37,054	92.7%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

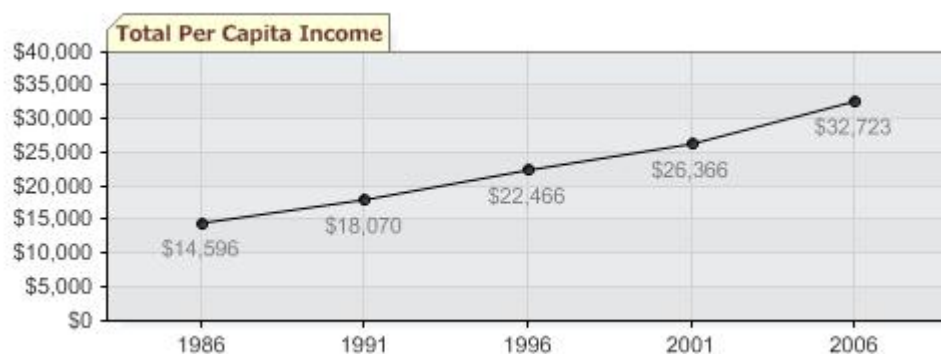
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$41,432	\$44,441	\$43,708	\$44,128	\$45,130
Change Since 2002		\$3,009	\$2,276	\$2,696	\$3,698
Pct. Change Since 2002		7.3%	5.5%	6.5%	8.9%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$14,596	\$18,070	\$22,466	\$26,366	\$32,723
Change Since 1986		\$3,474	\$7,870	\$11,770	\$18,127
Pct. Change Since 1986		23.8%	53.9%	80.6%	124.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	\$53,295
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	\$47,965
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$36,566
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	34.1%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

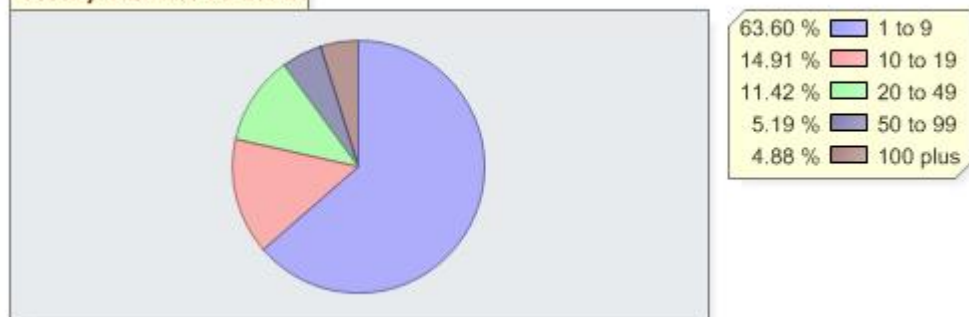
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	3,297	74	2.3%	63.6%
10-19 employees	773	5	0.7%	14.9%
20-49 employees	592	3	0.5%	11.4%

50-99 employees	269	37	15.9%	5.2%
100 plus employees	253	34	15.5%	4.9%
TOTAL	5,184	153	3.0%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

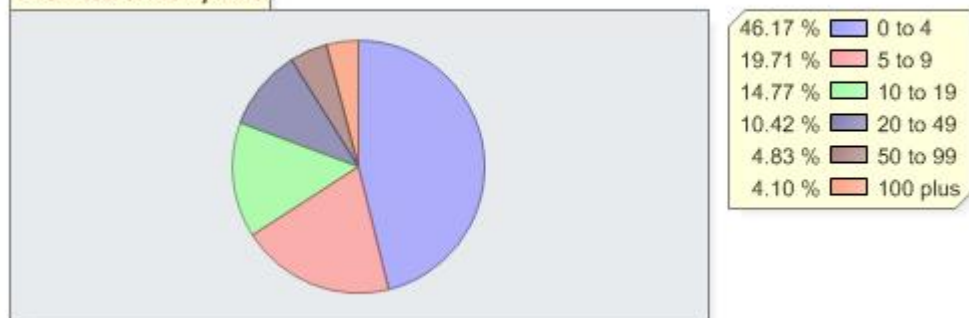


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	2,295	46.2%
5 to 9 employees	980	19.7%
10 to 19 employees	734	14.8%
20 to 49 employees	518	10.4%
50 to 99 employees	240	4.8%
100 plus employees	204	4.1%
TOTAL	4,971	100.0%

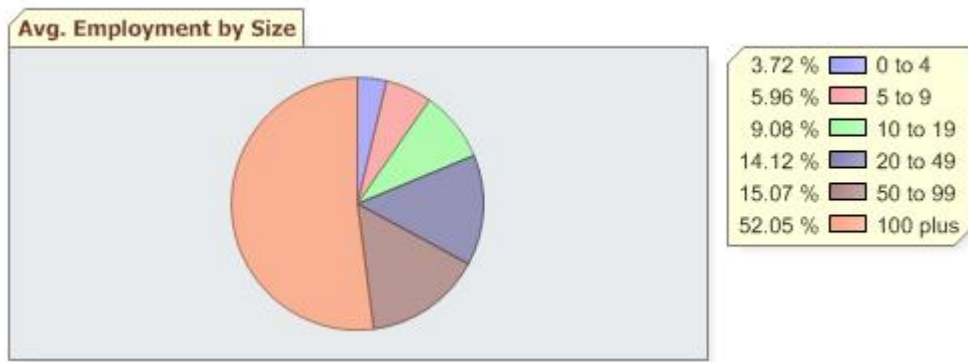
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	4,194	3.7%
5 to 9 employees	6,720	6.0%
10 to 19 employees	10,240	9.1%
20 to 49 employees	15,928	14.1%
50 to 99 employees	16,991	15.1%
100 plus employees	58,697	52.1%
TOTAL	112,770	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.